



RSS Newsletter



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"Bringing People Together to Make Housing Dreams Come True"

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Executive
Director's
Monthly
Message

Dear Residents,

Being an active member of your community and government is very fulfilling and critical for your future and the future of your keiki.

HCDCH is a strong supporter of affordable housing and we express that to the members of our government. Currently, our support lies with a bill moving through the Legislature that would increase the maximum monthly subsidy amount for the State Rent Supplement Program.

I encourage you to contact your area's Legislative representative about Senate Bill 1854 and give your support for the affordable housing cause.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Aveiro

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Mayor Wright Homes Pride !



The residents of Mayor Wright Homes, under the leadership of association President, Hana Eliapo, gathered on Saturday, February 12, 2005 to do their monthly neighborhood cleanup. Residents of all ages, from the keikis to the kupunas, came out and cleaned the walkways, the parking lots and the areas surrounding their buildings. According to Hana Eliapo, "everyone understands that Mayor Wright Homes is their community and they have to take pride in the place where they live."

In connection with the neighborhood cleanup day, the association also recognizes a yard of the month. For the month of February, Steven (pictured in the lower left photograph) was given that honor. Steven will be recognized and presented with prizes at the next general association meeting. Mayor Wright Homes designates the third Saturday of every month to do their cleanup. Great job to all those involved and keep up the outstanding work!



Resident Service and Satisfaction Surveys



Keep your eyes open! Tentatively scheduled for May 2005, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development's Real Estate Assessment Center will be sending a customer service and satisfaction survey to randomly selected households to evaluate the housing agency's performance. This survey will measure your satisfaction and experience with your

living conditions, maintenance and repair services, communication, safety and neighborhood appearance. Remember, if your household is selected please take the time to complete it. Resident participation is essential to the survey's success. Your opinion is very important to HCDCH and HUD!



Honolulu Community College Free Training and Job Placement

Honolulu Community College is offering free certified training and job placement in Environmental Health and Safety. The Environmental Health and Safety Training is a Brownfields Project funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Classes will train students to recognize workplace hazards, conduct environmental sampling, identify applicable OSHA and EPA regulations and safely manage hazardous chemicals and wastes. The average starting pay is between \$10 and \$15 an hour with the opportunity to advance your career through degree programs.

All applicants need to be 18 years of age or older, have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED or CBASE), have a valid driver's license and be able to show proof of identity and employment eligibility. Applicants also need at least one letter of recommendation from a current or former employer, teacher or community leader. To be accepted, all applicants must score within program requirements on a required placement test. All applicants are required to possess the sufficient physical strength, flexibility and dexterity to participate in field activities along with being able to remain drug free as stated in the Honolulu Community College's Illegal Drug Policy.

There will be two training sessions available. Session I will run from September 1, 2005 to November 30, 2005. Deadline for applications for Session I is June 3, 2005. Session II will occur from January 9, 2006 to March 31, 2006. The application deadline for session II is October 14, 2005. All training will be held on Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm. Applications and instructions are available on-line at <http://tech.honolulu.hawaii.edu/oesm/brownfields.html>.



To apply contact:
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Space is limited so
apply now!



The Hawaii Beverage Container Deposit Program places a 5 cent redeemable deposit on each beverage container. Consumers get back their 5 cents when they return their containers to a redemption center. Below is a list of some of the redemption sights for the island of Maui.

Kahului

Aloha Shell

110 S Puunene Ave.
Sunday through Saturday
24 hours a day.

Aloha Shell

137 Kaahumanu Ave
Sunday through Saturday
24 hours a day

Reynolds Recycling

261 Dairy Road
Monday through Saturday
9 a.m to 5 p.m.
(closed noon to 1 p.m.)

Wailuku

Maui Disposal Office
280 Imi Kala Street
(next to the Wailuku Post Office)
Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m to 3 p.m.
Saturday
9 a.m to 4 p.m.
Large loads 9 a.m to 12 p.m.

Lahaina

Redemption Center
Keawe St. by the railroad tracks
before Cannery Mall
Wednesday through Sunday
8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.



Fostering Secure and Diverse Communities Fair Housing Month - April 2005

Communities throughout our nation have focused more than ever on security in this post-9-11 era. Despite sharp levels of inspection in all actions throughout our day, all nationalities, all ethnic groups, all bodies of faith must continue to feel welcome. America remains the land of opportunity for a culturally diverse community - opportunity in all facets of life, especially when it involves access to decent, safe and affordable housing. Fair housing for all our citizens is a basic human right that must be preserved and protected.

Today, Americans have come to experience diversity in every aspect of our daily life. Similarly we realize today, more so than ever, that a safe and secure community is a blessing that many families throughout the world are striving to achieve. Fair Housing will continue to foster both a secure and diverse community.

Come join us as we celebrate our rich legacy, celebrate the progress we've made and commit to continue to further fair housing for all.

Are you interested
in learning more
about Fair Housing?

Below is a list of
scheduled hearing
workshops.

Participants will
learn about landlord
and tenants rights
and responsibilities
under the fair
housing act.

SCHEDULED FAIR HEARING WORKSHOPS

Hawai'i County

Monday, April 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at the King Kamehameha Hotel

Tuesday, April 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the
Hawai'i Naniloa Hotel

Jeremy McComber
Hawai'i County Fair Housing Officer
(808) 961-8379

Maui County

Friday, April 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
at the Maui Community College

Tony Bajinting
Maui County Fair Housing Officer
(808) 270-7351

Kaua'i County

Friday, April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at the Kaua'i County Housing Agency Pi'ikoi
Meeting Room

Fay Rapozo
Kaua'i County Fair Housing Officer
(808) 241-4433

City and County of Honolulu

Thursday, April 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Maui Room

Friday, April 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Maui Room

Michael Shiroma
City & County of Honolulu FairHousing Officer
(808) 527-5312

Patti Miyamoto
State's Fair Housing Officer
(808) 832-6003

***There is no admission fee. R.S.V.P.s are needed. Please
contact the appropriate Fair Housing Officer for more details.**



Children's Column

5 Free Gifts for Keikis

In today's materialistic society, it is very easy to forget the little things in life that can make a huge difference. Below is a list of 5 things that you can give your children. The best thing about them is that they are FREE!

1. Time: Give your children some quality time. Talk with them, walk with them, play their favorite game. Just spend time with them period.

2. Love: Give children your unconditional love. Tell them that you love them, but more importantly show them that you love them. Say it, mean it and show it.

3. Attention: Give them the attention that they deserve and need. Pay attention to what they say, what they do, where they go, who they go with. Giving attention to every aspect of their lives is very important.

4. Respect: In order to get respect you have to give it to them. Respect them and what they value and what their choices are. Respect that they are their own unique human being.

5. Appreciation: Communicate to your children that you are thankful for them in your life. Make your children appreciate the things that they have in their life.

Just spending time with your kids can go a long way.



Koolau Village FUNdraiser

On Saturday, February 26, 2005, hundreds of friends, families and neighbors of the Koolau Resident Association drove into Kamau Place and picked up their huli huli chicken. After months of knocking on doors, passing out flyers, and phoning friends and neighbors, this association successfully completed its first fundraiser for their new playground equipment.

Wanda Camara, Secretary of the association and coordinator of this event is happy with the results and could not have done it without the help of the officers, (President) Ms. Dolly Keama, (Treasurer), Ms. Selena Sheldon, Treasurer, resident Ms. Kim Tollefsen (see picture above) and management staff. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this great start in helping the youths at Koolau Village. Stay tuned for the next fundraising event!



TOLL FREE NUMBERS

Neighbor Island Residents may call State Offices toll free by dialing:

HAWAII - Dial 974-4000; listen for the dial tone, enter the last five (5) digits of the State number and press the # key.

MAUI - Dial 984-2400; listen for dial tone enter the last five (5) digits of the State number and press the # key.

KAUAI - Dial 274-3141; listen for dial tone, enter the last five (5) digits of the State number and press the # key.

MOLOKAI/LANAI - Dial 1-800-468-4644; listen for dial tone enter the last five (5) digits of the State number, and press the # key.